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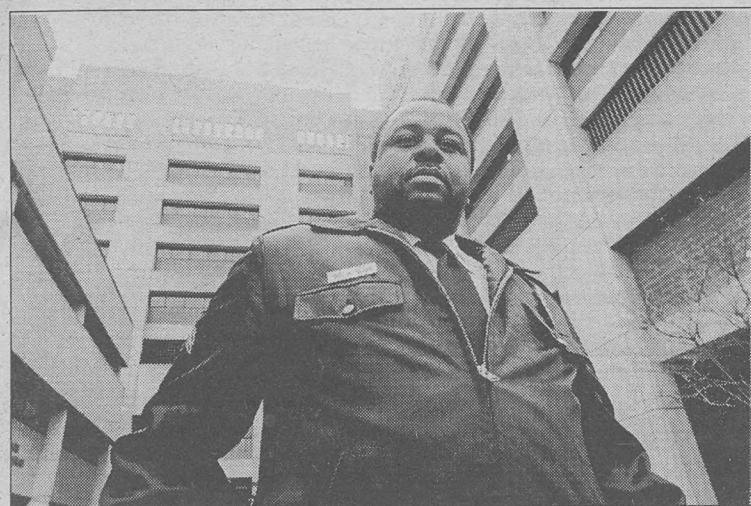
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Security officer holds down the fort at GW Hospital.

GW Hospital heightens security

by Regina Van Horne
Hatchet Reporter

Security has been stepped up at GW Hospital after fatal attacks at two area hospitals in recent weeks.

Though no similar violence has occurred at GW's hospital, officials say they are taking extra precautions to safeguard the hospitals' entrances and high-traffic areas.

A Prince George's Hospital Center administrator working late was found bound and strangled in her office Jan. 13. Police told The Washington Post the victim had been raped.

Last Thursday, a gunman killed one patient and wounded five others in the lobby of the Washington Hospital Center's Cancer Institute. Hospital officials told The Post the

shooting occurred so quickly the armed guard in the room did not have time to respond.

John L. Hummer, chief operating officer for the GW Medical Center, said while the hospital's security is adequate, officials will make a "continuous improvement effort" to ensure safety in the hospital.

"We felt it important to improve our level of readiness," Hummer said.

To control traffic in the building, the 22nd Street entrance now closes at 6 p.m., and the entrances on I and 23rd streets close at 8 p.m. Only the hospital's emergency room will remain open 24 hours a day, Hummer said.

Security officers will be stationed at each entrance, he added.

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Students face fallout from GWorld card glitch

by Becky Neilson
News Editor

Students who thought they used meal plan points at Mick's Restaurant last semester may face holds on their records until they foot unpaid bills.

Mick's erringly allowed students without GWorld debit accounts to use "meal plan points" to pay for purchases. Incorrectly charged transactions caught up with students this week when the GWorld card office notified students they must pay for the meals or risk incurring a financial hold on their accounts.

A letter from GWorld Card Program Manager Michelle Neyers informed students of the snafu and asked them to pay their balance with cash, check or a credit card at the

GWorld card office before spring break.

If students owing money have opened a debit account since the purchases were made, the University will withdraw the money directly from the account.

Neyers' letter said, however, the balance will not be subtracted from students' meal plan points.

As part of the meal plan, points are governed by strict regulations regarding their use and tax status, making them invalid at off-campus establishments, according to Neyers' letter.

But GW Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle said Wednesday the University is exploring the possibility of withdrawing the balance from students' meal plan points — a one-time exception to GW's

normal policy, which prohibits meal plan points from being used for off-campus purchases.

The glitch is another in the string of roadblocks the GWorld card program has hit since its implementation in August. The proposed all-in-one card program is about to enter Phase II, which will allow students to pay for laundry and campus vending machines with the card.

But as Phase II begins, Phase I details still are being ironed out. The program was slated already to allow students use of the card at as many as three off-campus restaurants. Currently, only Hunan Peking is online.

The "one card" offers students two-fold eating options. First, it can

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Trustees attend SA town hall

by Matt Berger
Asst. News Editor

Students had a first-ever chance to meet with members of the University's Board of Trustees at a town hall meeting Wednesday night, but received little response to their concerns.

"You may not be getting the response that you seek, but I assure you you're being listened to," said Trustee Jean Fugett.

Fugett and Trustee Al Park, a former Student Association president, addressed a frustrated group of students at the SA-sponsored event.

SA President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar said he felt the meeting's major purpose was to provide a forum for the Board to gather information about student concerns. He said the Trustees will bring what they learned at the town hall to the Board's committee meeting Friday.

Concerns voiced at the meeting ranged from overcrowded classrooms to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's car and driver.

"We're charging a Harvard University price and not getting a Harvard University education," sophomore Ed DiMarzio said. He asked for a detailed University spending



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Trustees Jean Fugett and Al Park

plan indicating ways GW would spend revenue from a tuition increase.

Many students also said they want to see a copy of the University's budget.

"The administration is not being responsible for sharing information with students," undergraduate SA Sen. Jesse Strauss (CSAS) said. "That's why students feel that they're being steamrolled."

Park said the University is working to "take the fat out" of its budget.

Legislation overhauls campus hate crime reporting

by Shruti Daté
Asst. News Editor

Legislation proposed by U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) could change the way GW and other colleges and universities across the nation record campus hate crimes.

The 1990 Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act — the law governing campus hate crime reporting — requires institutions of higher education to record as hate crimes murders, rapes or aggravated assaults "motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation

and ethnicity."

Under those classifications, the University Police Department reports no occurrences of hate crimes between 1994 and 1996.

Torricelli's proposed legislation would expand the categories of crime that could be classified as hate crimes, and include violence motivated by gender- or disability-based discrimination.

Michael Liberman of the Anti-Defamation League said methods of recording hate crime statistics at universities and colleges are lacking despite provisions in the 1990 law that require them to tabulate such incidents.

"There is a substantial amount of denial (about hate crime occurrences)," Liberman said. He said some institutions are lax in recording hate crimes because the statistics may hurt their competitive edge.

But University Police Director Dolores Stafford said GW follows the letter of the law, reporting all crimes the 1990 law requires it to record.

Liberman noted, however, that GW did not provide statistics for a 1996 Department of Justice report that tabulated national hate crime statistics.

"GW did not participate at all," he said. "Are

they taking (the Student Right to Know) law seriously?"

Mike Walker, assistant dean of the Community Learning and Living Center, said the University closely follows the Student Right to Know Act and sends all prospective students campus crime statistics.

But Torricelli's new Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997 would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 by placing even more stringent reporting requirements on universities.

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TRAVEL WITH THE FROG

Cabinet shares passion for GW CI helps freshmen adapt to University community

by Matthew Katz

Hatchet Staff Writer

This summer, 24 newly-appointed Colonial Cabinet members will give incoming freshmen and transfer students their first taste of GW during five Colonial Inauguration sessions.

"We look for GW students who are good leaders, who are willing to work hard, who have a passion for GW and who want to give back to the school," said Student Activities Center Assistant Director Laura Zylka, who oversees the orientation sessions.

Cabinet members guide incoming freshmen and their families through what is often their first three days as part of the GW community.

Zylka said this summer's CI will be the same as previous years, but she said programming for Mount Vernon College — an all-women's institution which will be incorporated into the University by June 1999 — is still under consideration.

Whatever is decided, Cabinet members at both campuses will share their insights and experiences with incoming students. Cabinet member Eric Douglas, a freshman, said he plans to show new students GW is a safe school with great acad-

emics and sports programs.

Junior Jonathan Nurse, a recently-inaugurated Cabinet member, said he knows firsthand the difficulties of adjusting to a new city — experience he said he hopes to share with freshmen.

"My freshman year was really traumatic," Nurse said. "Coming from a small town, I was not prepared socially or academically to be dropped in the middle of Washington."

"If you are an urban-type student or you like rural areas, GW is perfect, because it has a little of both. You are in close proximity to both Virginia and Maryland," Douglas added.

Eddie Lara, a sophomore, said he wants to stress the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities in the nation's capital.

"There is not only a lot in the social respect, but there are opportunities for internships, work and networking," he said. Last year, Lara had the opportunity to dabble in the political arena as an intern for Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-Calif.).

Cabinet members said they also hope to stress the importance of balancing the excitement of living in Washington with the academic pressures of GW.

"The city of Washington has a lot

to offer, as far as museums and historical stuff. But you have to know that academics are a priority above everything else," Douglas said. "It will be a tough transition and it is something you have to get used to."

The most significant aspect of this year's Cabinet is its diversity, Zylka said. The group boasts varied racial, ethnic and geographic roots, she said.

"We look for diversity so the Cabinet can truly represent the population of GW," Zylka said. "That's what GW is all about."

Douglas, who is both African American and Caucasian and traces his roots to Vietnam, said he wants to emphasize diversity as one of GW's strongest attributes.

Others Cabinet members explained, however, diversity is more than just ethnic background.

"I think I provide diversity by not only being an African-American male, but also by my experiences at GW," said Nurse, a second-generation West Indian. "The Cabinet is very representative of GW's population."

Nurse said students of all backgrounds and interests will find a spot at GW.

"You will find a niche for yourself at GW. Be true to yourself more than anything else," he said.

GW and D.C. have 'green' goals

University pushes its environmental education efforts up a notch

by Annie H. Nguyen and Seth Weinert

Hatchet Staff Writers

GW joined other colleges and universities across the nation in becoming a "green" University three years ago, but its accomplishments so far may not match its original ambitions for environmental action.

But GW and the District are on the road to being green — both are taking extra steps toward environmental consciousness, planning new programs to increase recycling.

During the 1997 fiscal year, which ended last June, GW produced more than 3,334 tons of waste, said J.P. Blackford, executive coordinator of GW's Institute for the Environment. But the University recycled only 12.3 percent of that total consumption — 5 percent below its highest recycling record in 1991.

Last spring, students complained in e-mails to GW's Green University Initiative that University housekeepers partially were to blame for the decline in University recycling. Students reported seeing housekeepers mix recyclable materials with other trash in the residence halls and other campus buildings.

Director of Facilities Management Walter Gray said housekeepers and maintenance crews are not at fault. Often a bag of recyclable material is contaminated with food or other garbage, rendering it unrecyclable, he said.

Contamination occurs most often in outdoor receptacles when students throw unrecyclable trash in cans marked for recycling, Blackford said.

Housekeepers and grounds workers are not responsible for sorting trash out of bags meant for recycling, Blackford said. If a bag is contaminated, it is thrown out with other unrecyclable trash.

Gray said the best way to boost campus recycling is to educate students on what can be recycled and how to keep recyclables contaminant-free.

To promote student awareness of GW's recycling efforts and meet city recycling regulations, the Institute for the Environment has made extra efforts since last spring to promote the Green University Initiative, Blackford said.

The District is making efforts to renew recycling efforts since the amount of material recycled in the city has declined in the past few years.

The city incinerated 235,304 tons of solid waste and recycled only 4.5 percent of its waste last year. In 1991 the city recycled a record 32 percent of its solid waste.

All D.C. businesses are required to submit a commercial recycling plan every two years. Any office, business or apartment building with four or more units is required by the city to recycle items like newspapers, glass, aluminum and corrugated cardboard.

Bill Easley, program monitor for the District's Solid Waste Management Administration, said the city is select-

ing a local contractor to manage a weekly recyclable curbside collection.

Glass, newspapers, aluminum, corrugated cardboard and some plastics will be recycled through the curbside collection. The city has set no specific date for the program's implementation, Easley said.

"Right now we have private drop-off locations for residents who want to recycle," said Easley.

The Department of Public Works lists 22 private recycling locations throughout the District, including GW's Marvin Center and campus recycling bins.

Among its awareness initiatives, the Institute for the Environment sponsored National America Recycles Day in November, Blackford said.

It also developed a paper reduction plan for the Marvin Center and academic buildings, urging faculty and staff to make double-sided copies to reduce paper use.

Students for a Greener GW, a group co-sponsored by the Institute for the Environment and the Student Association, also has coordinated a first-ever recycling competition in the residence halls from Jan. 12 to March 12, said Lauren Mazer, director of the program.

Mazer said the competition is based on the number of bags recycled by each residence hall and the amount of recycled material per resident each week.

Nine of the 15 residence halls are participating in the competition, although hall council environmental representatives are promoting recycling projects in all halls, she said. Mazer said Strong Hall currently leads the competition.

"My main hope is the environmental hall representative will become a permanent position in the hall councils, in order to initiate future recycling programs," she said.



Senate proposes ballot question

by **Tammy Imhoff**
Hatchet Staff Writer

A referendum on next month's election ballot will allow students to decide if the Student Association needs a vice president for student activities.

A referendum to remove the position was defeated in the 1996 election. A similar referendum was passed in 1995, but then was overturned by the Student Court after it concluded the SA used student funds to urge support for the referendum.

In proposing the bill that established the referendum, graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS) said the student activities vice presidency has become obsolete because the planning of Homecoming week - formerly one of the major responsibilities of the office - has been taken over by the Program Board and an SA-appointed Homecoming director.

Blackford's bill also calls for the SA to redefine the roles of its vice presidents for undergraduate and graduate policy. He said the policy vice presidents would shoulder the responsibilities of the vice president for student activities if that position is eliminated.

"We're trying to streamline the bureaucracy," Blackford said.

Will Stewart was appointed vice president for student activities at a Senate meeting earlier this semester.

"I'm trying to make this role active," Stewart said. "It's a big role

and maybe the definition should be changed, but it should not be eliminated."

SA President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar said he may choose to veto the bill, a move he will have to make before the Senate's next meeting in two weeks.

"Maybe the position needs to be redefined, but the students have shown by voting (in recent years) that they do not want to see this position destroyed," Golparvar said.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Senate also established a tuition action director to represent the SA and the student body to GW on financial issues.

According to the bill, the director will be an executive officer appointed by the president and approved by the Senate. Golparvar established an ad hoc tuition action committee last semester, but it was not a permanent fixture in the organization's bylaws.

The bill requires the Senate appoint a tuition action director every year to ensure the SA has the means to address tuition concerns.

"This is something the SA has kind of dropped the ball on in years past," undergraduate Sen. Jesse Strauss (CSAS) said. "The creation of this committee is a means of correcting a past error the SA made by not having a system set up to deal with tuition concerns."

"This bill is especially pertinent because the Board of Trustees is voting on tuition this week," he said.



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GWorld woes

Students who thought they'd charged meals at Mick's to meal plan points last semester got a surprise this week. Letters from the GWorld card office informed them they had amassed unpaid bills – and must pay up before holds are placed on their accounts.

This latest snag in the GWorld card program stems from ineptitude – not of students, but of the University and its off-campus partner. For a semester, Mick's unwittingly allowed student patrons to foot their bills with invalid accounts. Only "debit" accounts work off-campus, but students with "meal plan points" – a tax-free, on-campus dining plan – charged their meals too.

Between 500 and 600 transactions were conducted invalidly – though the University didn't realize anything amiss until the end of last semester.

The rambling letter sent to students discussed some reasons the new GWorld card was created, all the great things it will do – and some of the problems that developed as a result of its newness.

Then came the kicker: "There were transactions made which were accepted by (off-campus) locations that were unapproved." Translation: Because off-campus eateries did not know how our system works, and because we did not oversee those establishments, Mick's is owed a chunk of money. But we are not going to pay because that would mean we would incur financial losses for our own mistakes.

Hey, if the holds on students' accounts don't work, how about students finding horses' heads in their beds? Or maybe a visit by a group of large, burly men with baseball bats? But how will they get students abroad for the semester to pay up? Does GW have an international syndicate of repo men?

The new GWorld card was publicized as the cutting-edge of modernity. It would make students' lives easier, they said. It would reduce the necessity of students carrying around large amounts of cash, they said. It would give students greater options and flexibility, they said. It would let students buy meals off-campus, do their laundry without the usual quest for quarters, while serving as identification, they said. Eventually, it would let students pay for their books at the GW Bookstore and Gelman Library fines, they said. Maybe one day, students would even be able to use it at other off-campus businesses, they said.

Students weren't trying to pull a fast one on Mick's or the University. Rather, they were misinformed by Mick's (where servers said their points were valid) and under-informed by GW. The folks responsible for GWorld must find a way to deduct the cost of the meals from students' meal plan points. It is unacceptable to hit students with unexpected bills to smooth over other people's errors.

As far as the GWorld program goes, what incentive does any off-campus business have to join the plan when GWorld seems to be a mess? Why should students put money into GWorld debit accounts when they can do just fine without them? If these answers cannot be easily answered in a sentence or two, then what's the point of even having GWorld?

Media madness

The current media frenzy surrounding the saga of President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky is extremely disappointing. After the O.J. Simpson escapade, the media took a look at itself and pledged to re-find ethics and integrity. After the death of Princess Diana, the media proclaimed the necessity of returning to pre-tabloid times. Yet again and again, these promises were swept aside as soon as the next big scoop developed.

This forgetfulness exacts a heavy price: It substantiates the idea of a sensationalist media focusing on non-issues. Media credibility is lessened for the umpteenth time.

When the media becomes part of the story, it has far exceeded its role as observer and conveyor of information. Truly, a 24-hour news cycle pushes reporters to act fast – and the search for news is extraordinarily competitive.

Jumping the gun and reporting every uncorroborated rumor as truth may beckon the scoop of a lifetime, or just turn out another shoddy, poorly-sourced story. Soon, few people will be left who believe what they read, see and hear as actual and factual news.

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Letters to the Editor

Shifting the blame

As many of us hungry saps learned Monday, the University has found yet another way to pass its mistakes along to the students and further drain our finances.

Last semester, many of us ate at Mick's under the impression that we could use "meal points," as well as debit points, whichever we preferred. Why did we have this impression? Because the staff of Mick's gave us erroneous information regarding the payment options.

Each time we ate there, we had to give the staff at Mick's our cards. Each time they would take it to the cash register or somewhere else in the store. I assumed they were verifying that the card had enough points to sustain the charges. Each time they came back saying that everything was in order. It is certainly not our fault that the staff of Mick's gave us incorrect information.

When Mick's takes our GW cards and tells us that we can use regular points as well as debit points, we can NOT be held liable. The University, when it sets up a program with Mick's, is responsible to ensure that the program is implemented effectively. GW, by forming a partnership with Mick's, is basically extending the authority of the University to Mick's employees and thus GW is responsible for Mick's mistakes.

The University is also at fault by not adequately educating Mick's employees and following up so that problems were corrected. Both times I ate at Mick's were very late in the semester. Problems of this nature should have been cleared up by that time. We should not be held responsible for the failures of Mick's and the University.

Now the GWorld office has sent all of us tired of cafeteria grease a bill for these meals to be paid for by cash or credit card, although not by meal points. I (and I'm sure all students affected by this) am willing to pay for this out of "meal points," but why should we have to pay for the University's negligence? GW officials urge us to spend our money responsibly and take control of our finances. It's time for the University to correct this hypocrisy.

—Nathan Campeau
freshman

GW's "repo man"

I was a bit disconcerted Monday when I received a letter, like several of my friends, from the GWorld card office requesting that I pay my outstanding balance on a debit account. After all, I had read in The Hatchet that Mick's would be held responsi-

ble for invalid transactions, and figured that students misinformed by the restaurant would not be held liable.

So I was surprised when I got the letter that opened with a greeting, but more or less threatened to put a hold on my account, and not allow me to register for next semester if I do not pay GW more money. Heck, paying GW money is what I have grown fond of in my three-and-a-half semesters here thus far. But I wonder why GW insists on collecting the money – and why all checks must be made out to GW for all the meals consumed at Mick's.

But this is not the heart of the issue. I do not think students who ate at Mick's last semester should be responsible to pay GW by either cash, check or charge, when they were told that at the time that Mick's was accepting meal points.

I do realize that Mick's made an error, but that does not mean GW should take on the role of "repo man" and

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were misinformed – and should not be held liable for what happened.

—Brandon Moss
sophomore

Endangered GWorld

"Greetings to the GWorld Card Office Staff at the George Washington University"... We'd like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter stating that we, the misinformed students, now owe you money because the proper authorities failed to fulfill their obligation and give students correct information on the use of the "new and improved" GWorld cards.

We, in a word, are outraged.

We understand that you're in quite a predicament after shelling out too much money for the pretty

yellow graphics on these cards and all the laundry facilities that don't work. But let's get real. There's a certain legal term called "ex post facto"

(those Romans were a stute lawyers), which basically means that this

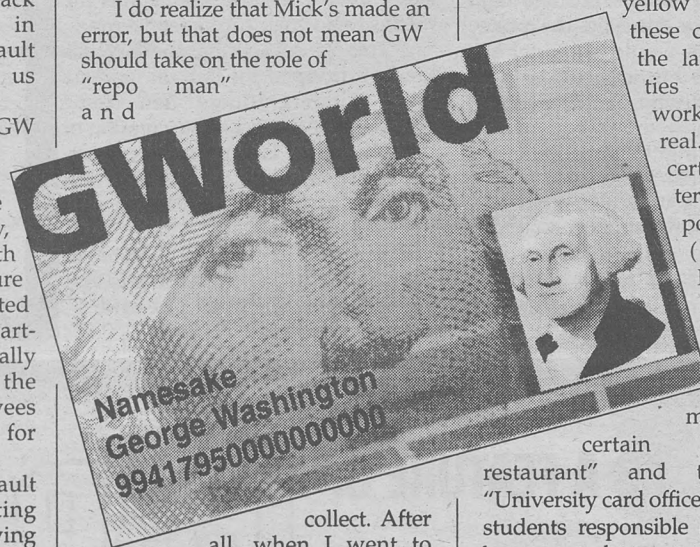
certain "off-campus restaurant" and this certain "University card office" cannot hold students responsible after the fact because students were not aware of their "rights."

Who would have actually gone to this "off-campus restaurant" and paid actual money for this food? Had we known that the institution in which we give our parents' life savings to was not competent enough to form a real business merger, we would not have trusted the promise of "Yes, we take points!"

Now while you may believe that we are wealthy people who want to buy more gates, we are actually poor folk who have to buy books. Now let's get our priorities straight here. You made a mistake, now pay for it. Take the holds off our accounts and sell back the hippo!

We apologize for any inconvenience we may cause you by not paying for this ridiculous new farce to try to suck the last penny from our pockets. But we have more important things to do with our "state of the art program" of a card, like burning it.

—Jennifer Shanks, Elizabeth Taylor,
Todd Rouse, Carol Capece
sophomores



collect. After all, when I went to Mick's for dinner last semester, I had my own skepticism as to whether or not they were taking meal points. But when the waitress said "meal points" and not gold card or debit card, I was convinced. What's more, the card was swiped after the meal, and I signed the receipt, thereby allowing the cost of the meal to be deducted from my meal points account.

However, if I had known back then that I would be charged by GW for that meal, I would have either not have eaten at Mick's or paid in cash at the time of purchase. But when I was given the receipt to sign, I ended that transaction, and allowed it to be deducted from my meal points account. And that is the heart of this issue.

I am perfectly willing to have GW remove the cost of the meal and the tax from my meal points, but any other form of payment is unacceptable to me, as I am sure it is for the many other students who have had this same exact problem.

While I am sure that at this age I should take responsibility for my actions, this is an action for which the University refuses to take responsibility. After all, not just me, but many, many other students also

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Humbled by professor, and then a talk with GW's big men

To entertain my family of readers this week, I was going to publicly torch a professor I felt had wronged me. Unfortunately, my mother told me to talk to him first. So I gathered up my Gatt, my nine, my Dick Tracy recording equipment and my Roy Rogers butterfly knife and went to his office hours to pull a verbal 1-87 on his 90210 head.

Upon entering THE MAN's office, I learned I had my facts confused and I was humbled like the innocent little school boy I am. Our meeting ended with me crawling out of his presence in my underpants.

Although I no longer think it would be proper to use this column to skewer that professor like a beeftip, I would still like to hearten my fellow gentlepeople whose genius continues to go unrecognized by GW pedants.

Are you like me: of superior intellect, creativity and effort – yet still only rewarded with Cs on major projects? Let me tell you something brothers and sisters, Albert Einstein was laughed at by the "world's intellectual scientific community" until many years later when he proved them all wrong with the orbit of Uranus or something like that. And that was in the hard sciences where things can in fact be "proved."

Will we ever prove to people in the social sciences, like Professor Sodaro, that maybe our creative approach showed more insight than 200 "A" papers in his cookie-recipe Weimar paper assignment? No.

We will never show those in the Ivory Tower, or Ivory Toilet, because instead of doing all the research to find our Uranus, documenting all the sources, smooching all the right posteriors, we will go out into the real world where reality will keep us focused on things that matter – like eating food and sleeping.

I sometimes think that if some of these professors on our campus were in the desert with Moses, they would greet his Ten Commandments with, "This isn't MLA format. Define 'kill.' Number three is lacking documentation. The directions did not tell you to enlighten me, only to use the information I gave you!

Go back up there and get more sources, Moses! You are selling yourself short on this project!"

So being heavy hearted and depressed about the highfalutin state of academia, as I am sure we all are, I turned to the only people I thought could raise the spirits of my loyal readers and me – the GW men's basketball team.

Here are some snippets from two inspiring interviews. The first is with Shawnta Rogers and His Excellency Mike King. (It should be noted that during this interview, Rogers was naked except for a pair of exquisitely patterned boxers and King could not decide what was more important – my questions or "Jerry Springer.")

Rob: "Fellows, what is the meaning of life?"

Shawnta: "Livin' day by day. One day at a time, baby."

Rob: "Were either of you ever in a street gang?"

Shawnta and Mike: "No."

Rob: "Does Jarvis pay you and Mike King under the table?"

Shawnta and Mike: "No."

Rob: "Should he?"

Shawnta: "No."

Mike: "No, I'll get mine in a few years."

Rob: "Who do you think killed Biggie Smalls?"

Shawnta: "A gang. Maybe the mafia."

Rob: "Do you find our female cheerleaders attractive?"

Shawnta: "They all right."

Mike: "They fair."

Rob: "During timeouts, are you ever distracted when our cheerleader women do those revealing aerial splits in their sheer loincloths?"

Shawnta and Mike: "No."

Rob: "Who is the most popular with women on the team?"

Shawnta: "Patrick Ngomba. J.J. The seniors, Darin and Rasheed, do well."

Rob: "What about you two?"

Shawnta: "No. They don't like us."

Rob: "Why not?"

Mike: "I don't know. They gotta stop being shy and come on."

Rob: "Where do you two go to party and throw down?"

Mike: "We don't go out. Some girls gotta take us out."

Shawnta: "We need some girls to show us around."

Rob: "What was the meanest thing anybody ever said to you on the basketball court?"

Shawnta: "The crowds crack on my size. At Missouri, they called me Smurf and went La Laa La La Laaaa. One time they kept yelling, 'Stand up Rogers.' We was trippin' on the bench."

Despite the great insight provided by this interview, I felt we needed more direction, more rasa for our tabula. So I went to the mound in the middle, Sasha Koul.

Rob: "Alex, what is the meaning of life?"

Sasha: "There are lots of meanings to life Rob, so many sides. I haven't really figured it out myself. Hopefully I'll figure it out by the end of it."

(Geez I'm interviewing Tolstoy!)

Rob: "What is the most popular drug in Belarus?"

Sasha: "Alcohol, basically vodka. Crack isn't as widespread over there. They are starting to smoke more grass in recent years ... from what I have heard."

Rob: "Have you ever killed a man?"

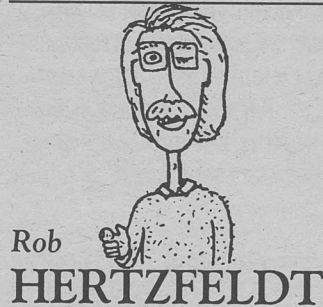
Sasha: "No."

Rob: "Because of your immense size and strength, do you have to be careful not to hurt your partner in romantic situations?"

Sasha: "No. I would consider myself gentle."

Rob: "If you had to describe Mike Jarvis as an animal, which one would he be and why?"

Sasha: "A lion. He is powerful and knows what he is doing, but he doesn't have as much hair."



Rob: "Who is the most popular with women on the team?"

Sasha: "We are all good-looking guys. It's all pretty equal. Maybe Andrei."

(Women don't get any ideas. Andrei Krivonos is with she-baller Noelia Gomez and she is an A-10 First Team selection for Best Legs.)

Sasha also comforted me by saying any of my readers or I could be his agent. All we have to do is take our résumés to Dr. Susie Jones at the Department of Athletics.

At this time, I would like to set some personal facts straight for the players. Sasha is no longer married, although a female named Sam seems like she could be a possible replacement in the starting lineup. Rogers has a son named Terrell who already is breaking ankles in peewee basketball.

If any women are interested in Rogers or King, I will happily set you up.

Lastly, I am taking singing lessons. I would also like to thank Lisa of AEPHoo for telling me at Mr. Days that my last article was the worst thing she ever read in her life. I hope we can build on this interchange and have a meaningful relationship full of heart-pounding excitement. Thank you.

Send in your guess as to what next year's tuition increase percentage will be. Entries must be received by midnight Thursday via e-mail, fax or hand-delivery. The winners gets their name (and possibly photo) in this space next week. (Note: Trachtenberg not eligible)

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Meals at Mick's add up to unexpected bills

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link students to traditional, tax-free meal plan combinations of meals-per-week and on-campus "points."

Second, some students take advantage of debit accounts to avoid carrying cash for purchases at on- and off-campus dining facilities and laundry and vending machines. Purchases through these accounts are taxed.

Administrators have said that when all is said and done, students will use the debit accounts for parking services, GW Bookstore purchases and merchandise at Foggy Bottom shops.

Flaws in the system that monitors students' purchases off campus made it possible for Mick's to bill students without debit accounts, Ingle said.

The company that owned Mick's until late December is seeking reimbursement from GW for money it lost when students without debit accounts signed off on purchases, Ingle said.

"It can't be something that the University pays for because we don't have the money at this time," Ingle said.

Ingle said the exact amount of money at issue cannot be determined until the University conducts a detailed audit of the transactions, but he estimated about 500 to 600 transactions were made at anywhere from \$10 to \$60 each.

"While this is a difficult situation, it's sad that students are in the middle," Ingle said. "I think this is fundamentally a problem related to the off-campus partner — it's a procedural problem with Mick's."

Ingle said the records of transactions made at Mick's indicate the restaurant's employees were "overwhelmed with the process." He said some transactions were entered more than once, since servers might have incorrectly recorded the charge the first time.

Morton's of Chicago, the company that owned Mick's until this winter, has agreed to give the University time to work things out before it collects its compensation, Ingle said.

"Morton's has agreed not to press us unreasonably or inappropriately," Ingle said.

But according to students who received the letter, time is not the major issue. Frustration stems from

the fact they thought they were paying for the meals when they ate them, students have said.

"When we went (to Mick's), I asked the waitress, 'Can I use points here?' And she said 'yes,'" said sophomore Tara McDonough. "If an agent of the company told me I could use them, why should I think otherwise?"

McDonough said she was asked to sign a receipt, signaling to her that the transaction was valid.

Now, she and other students are being asked to pay for the purchases with a credit card, a check or cash, not the meal points they originally thought they were spending.

"Everyone's upset because we all thought we were paying when we signed the receipt," McDonough said. "No one understands why the money can't be transferred from points. Money is money — I don't understand why it won't work."

Ingle said it is University policy "not to co-mingle the meal points and debit accounts."

"It's not at this point possible to move the money from points to pay for the purchases at off-campus vendors," he said Tuesday.

But Ingle said Wednesday the University could allow a one-time exception to its policy, allowing meal plan points to be used to pay the balance.

Ingle said the exception could be approved in the next few days pending authorization by the comptroller's office and the University treasurer.

However, students who opened debit accounts this spring will have the money they owe automatically removed from the new account.

Steven Mandelbaum, the Student Association's vice president for financial affairs, said he is concerned the issue may set a precedent in which the University withdraws funds from students' debit accounts to cover other fees owed to GW.

"There are two issues here. One, students are being charged for something five and a half months later. And two, how safe is the money in the debit account?" Mandelbaum said. "If I owe \$10 on my tuition payment, what's to say they won't just take that money out of my debit account?"

Ingle said GW is concerned

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New bill calls for broader definition of hate crimes

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"Current law requires colleges and universities to report statistics on crimes that occur on their campuses," Torricelli said in a speech on the Senate floor Nov. 9. "However, colleges are only required to report those hate crimes that result in murder, rape or aggravated assault."

Those three violent acts account for only 16 percent of hate crimes, Torricelli said.

Walker said the University's Student Code of Conduct already provides protection against gender- and disability-motivated violence.

Under the student code, the University forbids violent acts motivated by race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation.

But the Torricelli legislation also would require vandalism, harass-

ment and simple assault — three offenses that encompass a majority of hate crimes — to be reported on campuses.

Although GW never has faced a violent hate crime, some instances of harassment have occurred.

"This is a relatively benign campus," said Rabbi Gerald Serotta of the Hillel Center, who has worked in the GW community for 16 years.

The diverse nature of the University's population leads to better understanding of differences and fewer hate crimes, said Michael Baratz, former president of the Jewish Student Leadership Coalition of Hillel.

But in January 1997, faculty members in the English and history departments received literature denouncing the Jewish community, said Kim Moreland, the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences' associate

dean for undergraduate affairs.

And last semester a professor in the Colombian School received an anti-Semitic e-mail message with no return address, Moreland said.

Such acts of harassment caused anxiety among faculty members, she said.

Liberman said the new legislation will "address the nature and the magnitude of the problem" by expanding the acts defined as hate crimes.

"The numbers will provide a measure of accountability," Liberman said. He said more accu-

rate statistics will lead to more targeted responses to hate crimes.

Walker said GW administrators will interpret the new legislation, currently under committee review in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, to fit GW's campus.

He said if the bill passed, the University would have to consider incidents of harassment on a case-by-case basis.

"(An act) considered harassment by one person may not be considered harassment by others," Walker said.

GW will try not to restrict freedom of speech to protect against hate

crimes, he added.

"GW is a proponent of free speech, but there is a difference between a challenging dialogue and words that provoke violence and are perceived as threatening," Walker said.

Liberman said the new legislation would not call for campuses to restrict First Amendment rights, but it would try to distinguish between expressive speech and speech that is meant to cause harm.

"When students do not feel safe based on threats made to them, then we will look into it," Walker said.

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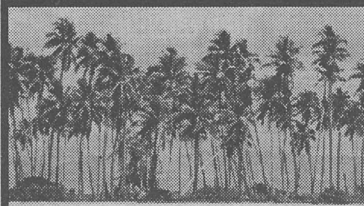
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GW sets limits on alumni audit

by **Nikki Kolodny**
 Hatchet Staff Writer

The Office of Alumni Relations' course audit program gives alumni and Foggy Bottom residents the chance to take designated University courses for a reduced price.

But while the program provides an opportunity for alumni and community members to keep learning long after graduation, restrictions are placed on classes available.

Some departments, including anthropology, museum studies, and speech and hearing put limits on the courses available to alumni.

The classics department restricts some courses to keep a more balanced dynamic, said Elizabeth Fisher, chair of the classics department.

"Alumni are a wonderful addition and bring wonderful experiences to class," Fisher said. "However, in

small classes we like to keep a ratio of alumni in balance with students who have to do graded work."

The Columbian School of Arts and Sciences restricts alumni from most language instruction courses, however, course availability is at the discretion of each department chair or professor, Fisher added.

Ilan Waldman, a recent GW graduate, was able to audit a Chinese course not listed in the alumni program through special departmental permission.

"It seems silly that not all courses are open. If there is a seat, you should be able to sit in," Waldman said.

Muriel McClanahan, a Foggy Bottom resident and former GW English professor, earned an art history degree from GW after retirement. She now audits classes in religion, history and music.

"It is wonderful to go and be with young people. It is always stimulat-

ing," McClanahan said.

And faculty members recognize the benefits alumni provide in the classroom.

For example, the German and Slavic languages and literature department offers courses in Czech which draw only five or six students. Alumni are encouraged to audit those classes, Robin said.

"It's in our interest to please our alumni. We like to see them come in. It often motivates other students," Robin said.

"They often bring an interesting perspective," said statistics department Chair Robert Smythe, whose department allows alumni to audit any course.

Many professors said alumni often liven up a class or bring new perspectives.

"Alumni are there because they want to be," said George Stevens, chair of the geology department. "They bring their own experiences. Some traveled around the world. It always adds to the dimension of the class."

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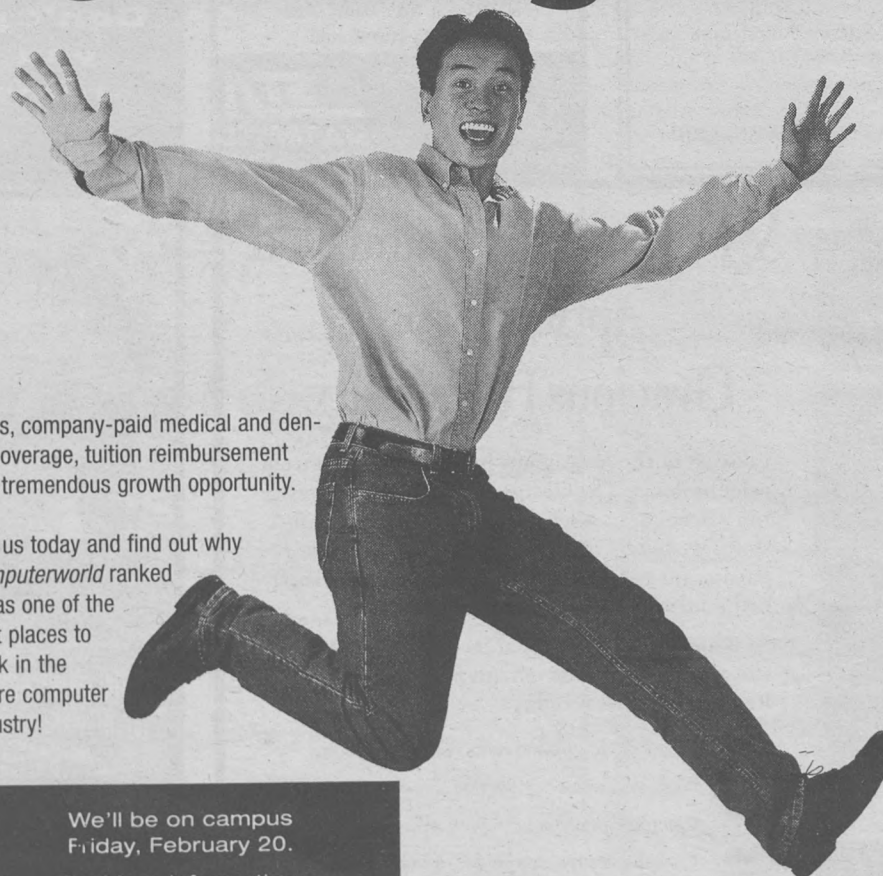
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Students face unpaid bills from Mick's

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about conveying details of the situation to students.

"We thought it was important to communicate to the students what was going on," Ingle said.

But Gayle Adler, director of the SA's Dining Services Commission, said the University is "not communicating with students" and has "chosen not to deal with this in the calmest way possible."

Adler said Neyers told the DSC last semester Mick's was responsible for the snafu and that no charges would be incurred on students.

At a meeting with the commission Friday, Neyers said nothing about the letter or the decision to bill students for the mischarged meals, Adler said.

"I think it was done very unprofessionally," Adler said. "The letter was not even on GW letterhead and it wasn't signed (by Neyers)."

Adler was appointed by SA President Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar to advocate students' dining services concerns. "I think the University should fight more on student's behalf," she said.

Adler added that GW could have insisted in its dealing with Morton's that students not be required to pay for mischarged purchases.

Ingle explained that until recently Mick's and the other off-campus eateries used a local computer to charge meals to students' GWorld cards.

The computer recorded a cardholder's name, identification num-

ber and the amount of the sale, but had no way of determining whether a student had a debit account or how much money was left in the account.

According to Mick's contract with GW, restaurant employees were required to compare the transaction record to a master printout daily - or at least weekly - to verify that students charging meals had sufficient funds in a debit account to pay the bill.

However, Ingle said Mick's did not verify the transactions as outlined in the contract.

"They told us they were too busy (to verify the transactions)," Ingle said.

But Ingle said a similar process at Hunan Peking and Subway did not cause problems.

When Mick's was dropped from the GWorld program late last semester, GW was in the process of connecting the restaurant's system to the University by modem so employees could immediately verify the funds in a student's account when they swiped the card, Ingle said.

An ideal system would have featured a "filtered line" connecting a restaurant and the University, but Ingle said Bell Atlantic currently has a waiting list for filtered line connections.

Ingle said the four potential off-campus partners that currently are in talks with the University immediately will be hooked up through the modem system when they enter the program.

Hunan Peking currently is connected to the University by modem.

GW Hospital boosts security

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Guards also will check the identification of all employees and visitors in the building. All visitors are required to check in at the entrance, Hummer said.

Senior Catie DeLong, a pre-med student who volunteers at Columbia Hospital for Women, said she is not sure security guards will be able to secure all aspects of the hospital.

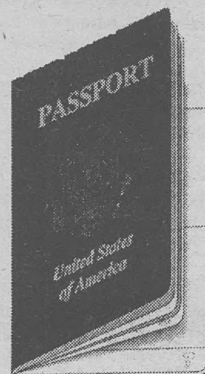
"It's a little frightening," DeLong said. "At the Washington Hospital Center (the gunman) just walked in with a gun and started shooting, so I don't think a security guard is going to be able to stop that."

"It concerns me because (P.G. and Washington Hospital centers) already have security in place and it's obviously not doing a good enough job," she added.

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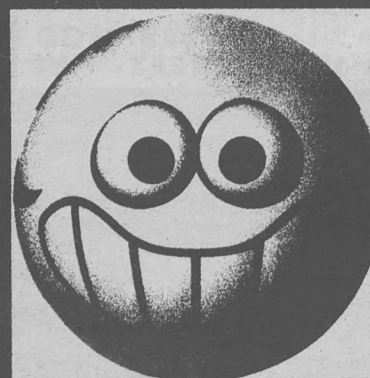
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Josh,

You are the sweetest guy I've ever known and I hope you know how much I love you. -Mary

C,

Let me know when you break up with Method Man - I'll wait forever. Love, Chris Webber

To my four cuties,

A friend is a person who knows all about you but loves you anyway. Love, Pat

Brandon, You are my everything rolled up into one. Thank you for giving me a future and being my inspiration. -Baby

Girls of the Brothel,

Here or abroad, I love you all. Thanks for being there. 404 forever. Love, Rebecca

Words and touch may fade away, but memories will last forever. The future's close at hand. Prague's not a foreign land.

BHM,

Let's make the best of what time we have left together. No more games. Be mine this Valentine's Day. Room #13

Happy Valentine's Day, and Happy Anniversary my sweet girl. My heart is yours. -J

To my beloved Adam: These last five months have been terrific. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Forever, your girlie

Word up! Bible Study

We love you all, and appreciate you very much. Happy Valentine's Day. Love in Him, Your Leaders

Daehee,

You are my best friend and the love of my life - happy Valentine's Day baby! I love you! -Huyen-Diu

Stephanie & Huyen-Diu,
Have a happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy! -Stephanie

Jewsbury,

Roses are red, violets are blue, I've tried being subtle but I want to date you. Beta

ServiceMaster: Princess know that warm spots and happy flowers buy passionate polishings - A princess promise for her Valentine.

Dearest Jill Levey,

You're the setter of our lives. You sweep our legs away. West Side! Love, Your Fan Club

To the Spice Rack -

You've spiced up my life in so many ways. Now I'm EN FUEGO! I love you all! Rock Out!

Honey Bunny: The only thing better than being loved by you is loving you. Thanks for being my sunshine! Hugs and Kisses, your fiancé

To 910 New Hampshire Ave: Danielle, Kristina, Becca, Vanessa and Melina - Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite roommates. Love, Margaret

Silly Willy: I have altoid-fresh breath, so won't you be my Valentine? Love (a lot), Princess Lori Lou

My Dave: Tibetan Spice + Sorority Spice = Love So be my Valentine? Love U, MBB

To my José- I love you with all my heart. You truly are my other half. Without you I'm nothing.

Maraming Salamat for all the happi-

ness that you have given me. No pressure at all right! Happy Valentine's Day! TAITU

Bugee,

Forever and a Day. Love always, Bugee, Chilie, Pithu

Jessica Ashlee,
NOW it's 8 months. Thanks for visiting me. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I love you! Love always, Derek Peter

To Becky, Mo, Stacey and Shruti,
Thanks for putting up with me. News rocks! -Matt

Jay: you make me happy & it's the best thing that ever happened. I love you, Margaret

To Margaret, Annie, Tej and Peggy-
Thanks for printing out the pages again and again and again and again and again. -The Slasher

Hilliary, Anna, Rob, Jack, Dusty, Angie, Jaimie, Nicole, Dave, Matt, Steve, Beth, Brian, Christine, Danny: Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Gayle

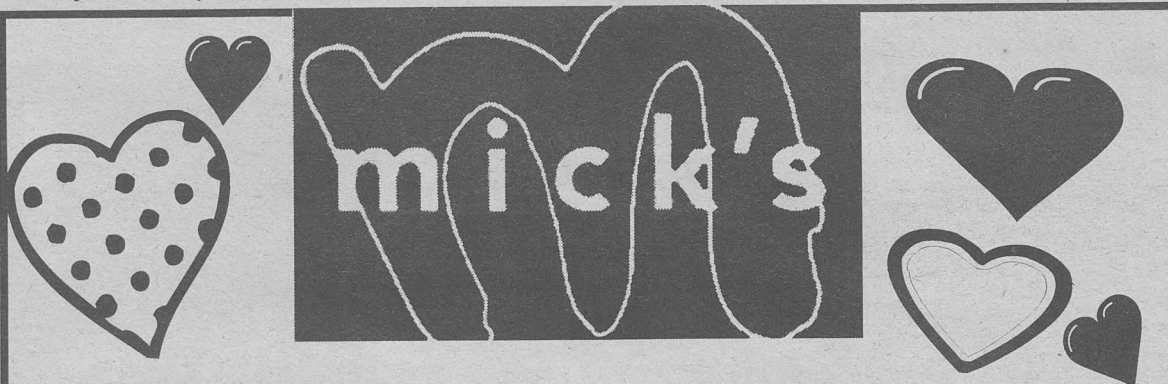
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J-
You jump, I jump. I love you. -B.

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From your secret Valentine

Stretch and Shannon,
The memories of our table-dancing and our date to the Brewhouse are forever etched in my mind. The feelings from the sandwiched kiss lasts forever.
-H.

Audrey Molina... Hey! Aren't you the girl that writes the columns? I've live with the columnist?? WOW!

Hatchet people,
Thanks for the bread and water.
-Timmy (I live in the basement)

Annie, Peggi and Tej:
Thanks for all of you work and help - it means a lot.
Margaret

Tina,
...for showing me how to catch fish with bare hands...
...for bringing us closer, as we sat in the sands...

...for thinking of me dearly, since last May...
12 cookies JUST FOR YOU; Happy Valentine's Day.
-Thomas

E- Even though you won't stay in my hemisphere, I love you.
-hh

Mom - Miss you so far away in California- Happy Valentine's Day love, Margaret

Rich - thanks... for reading to me when I was sick, for carrying me home from Tequila... for being the wonderful person you are.

Hey Chuck-
Real friendship is when you can watch terrible Showtime movies drunk and still have a good time. "The only thing that makes the emptiness bearable is each other." Thanks for everything.

Stretch,
Tan Man's got nothing on me. Please come back to Tampa and all my lovin!
Smooches, Norman the Drink Guy

Ad-I'm still head over feet. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Love, me

To The Philippine Cultural Society,
I got nuttin' but love for ya.
-RJD

Hatchet Staff
Thank you, for your tremendous dedication and friendship.
Tyson

John, Happy anniversary! Can't believe it's been two years already, I love you sweetie!
-Em

Becky,
You're extraordinary, and you illuminate my life every day. My love for you cannot be expressed in words.
Love, Jared

Gina
You are the most wonderful person in the world. I love you with all my heart.
Love Tyson

Audrey,
Your columns have penetrated my heart. never again will I throw scissors at your head recklessly. I'll aim from now on.

Becky and Lee,
I love standing next to you two in crowded elevators and smelling your hair.
-Quasimoto

Erin,
Why are you so incredibly difficult to get in touch with? Call back, dammit!
-Helder

Claire
The last V-day issue for us, your friendship keeps me alive.
Love Tyson

To Doedy Doe,
Almost two and a half years now and we've gone through some turns and pot holes, but we're still going strong. Some good things should never end.
Love, your NY Bear

Dear Snookie,
I love you so much. Thank you so much for everything you've given me over the past two years. You mean so much for me. I love you.
-Poopie

W-
You are a lovebug.
-R

Tejichen, Ich liebe dich.

Lee
Thank you for your friendship and support.
Love Tyson

Matt,
Thanks for the wonderful times that we have had together. I'm still waiting for that dance.
Love Ya Always, Peg

Margaret,
I really don't have the words to describe how I feel about you and how thankful I am that we met, but I guess I love you is a good start.

Love,
Jay

606, Sorry I didn't send y'all all the thornless roses in the city, but then what would the guy of our dreams do? Someone has to look up to the window one day... and Mel, you'll always be the "friend." -A

To my li'l sis, Prince Charming's not only in fairy tales, and to my favorite Fisk friends, did someone say, "champagne"? -Annie :)

M, T, G, J & C- Since I have no Valentine, you guys'll just have to do.
Love, C

Katie, Tara, Mandy, Mindy, Mel - Hey crazy girls. Have a happy Valentine's Day. Maybe an arrow from Cupid will fly your way.
Love, Ali

Megan
Don't have doubts. You are a wonderful person and a great friend.
Tyson

cla, tys, meg, am, shv, reb, lis, gin, lee - mis amigos viajantes - y los que he olvidado - que nunca necesitan ni dias ni tarjetas para aprovecharse del amor. - meg

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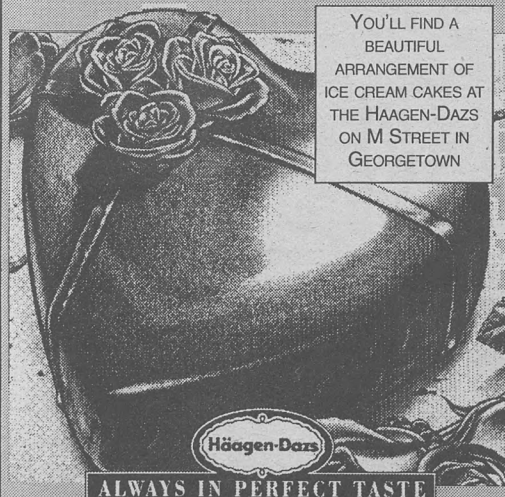
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Thomas Buergenthal

Law professor, Auschwitz survivor draws on past to fight for human rights

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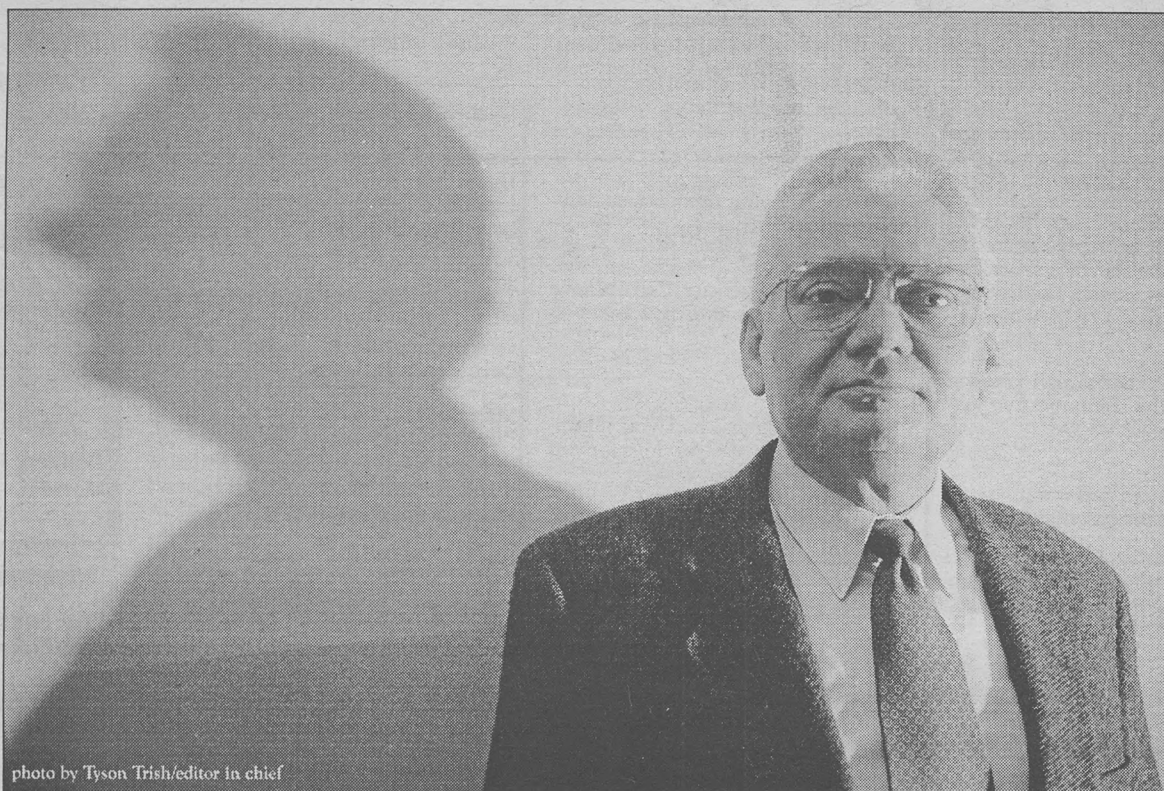


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by Matt Berger
Asst. News Editor

Thomas Buergenthal, an international law professor at GW, is a leader in the campaign against human rights violations.

The driving force behind Buergenthal's passion is the knowledge that he is a lucky man — one of the youngest survivors of the Holocaust.

"Any time there is a person being tortured or killed, that's the worst violence there is," Buergenthal says. "When you multiply it by 10s and 100s, that's the worst part."

He has served as a judge on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and is a member of the United National Human Rights Committee.

By age 11, Buergenthal already had lived the experiences of a lifetime.

He was born in 1934 in Czechoslovakia, where his family had fled to escape Nazi Germany.

Five years later, the family had made it to the Ghetto of Kielce in Poland. Instead of being sent to an extermination camp, Buergenthal and his parents were taken to a work camp.

"There was open season on children," Buergenthal remembers. "Children couldn't work and were eating unnecessarily."

Buergenthal spoke German, and had Aryan looks. He convinced a camp commander that he could work, and was allowed to stay. Soon after,

the family was shipped to Auschwitz.

In Auschwitz, Buergenthal was separated from his mother, but still managed to stay alive. He was lucky, he said, and skillful.

"I knew what to do," Buergenthal says. "When to hide, when not to hide."

Buergenthal's father was separated from the family. The young son feared his turn would be next.

Buergenthal was chosen to die, and a date was set. But when the scheduled day arrived, the death list was unusually short. Nazis decided that igniting the crematorium would be a waste.

Buergenthal was sent to a barrack of old and sick prisoners. He was waiting to be executed when a Polish doctor passed nearby. The doctor took away the card that marked Buergenthal for death, and replaced it with an unmarked card.

Buergenthal fell asleep. When he awoke, he was alone — everyone else had been taken to die.

But Buergenthal's plight was not over. Nazis decided to move the prisoners, forcing them to march 15 long, cold days. Buergenthal was one of a few people who survived the trek, though he had two toes amputated from frostbite.

And then in one moment, it was over. "You're free. You can go now," the Russians said to Buergenthal as they liberated the camp.

Buergenthal says he has forgiven the Germans for the atrocities he and the Jewish

people endured.

"I very early on decided that Germans had no monopoly on evil," Buergenthal says. "I forgive, but do not forget. Forgetting is the most dangerous thing."

Buergenthal had to force himself to forgive the Germans, he says, especially after his father was killed three days before the liberation. His mother, with whom he was reunited after three years of separation, taught him that continued hatred does not solve anything.

"If we continue to hate, we will create a vicious cycle that will never end," he says.

Buergenthal instead focuses his attention on remembering the dead through his work on the executive committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

He says he hopes people will learn from the Holocaust when they visit the museum. That is why he supported Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's controversial visit last month.

"If Arafat wants to visit the museum, I think that's a good idea," Buergenthal says. "Maybe he will better understand why the Jews are so affected by their experiences."

"When people see what happened, they can think of the role they might play in preventing these things from happening," Buergenthal says. "These things can happen when the world isn't paying attention."

Buergenthal pays attention.

"My interest is in preventing the past from

repeating itself," Buergenthal says. "When we were in the camps, there were no international laws to prevent this. Now there are."

Buergenthal helps enforce those laws.

"I think we should take stronger measures to bring criminals to justice in Bosnia," Buergenthal says. "We should use force to do that."

He says he thinks the issues in Bosnia are just as serious as those in Iraq. By permitting Bosnian criminals to go unpunished, Buergenthal insists, the United States is sending a dangerous signal to the international community.

Buergenthal is confident that human rights issues can be improved.

"I think we can probably have a world where fewer serious human rights violations exist," he says. "The trouble is most people go through life with their eyes closed."

Buergenthal says the United States went through World War II blind to atrocity.

"They could have done so much more than they did, but it was hard to believe what was happening," Buergenthal says.

"If there had been the same reactions to Hitler in the earlier stages as there were to apartheid, things would have been different."

Americans are obliged to lead the fight for human rights, he says.

"If Americans become disinterested, then the bad people in this world are going to get the upper hand."

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WEEKEND

Typical Sandler humor makes film a success

HEATHER HARE

ARTS EDITOR

With or without a Valentine, *The Wedding Singer* (New Line Cinema) is the perfect movie for this weekend. Sad about

being alone, deliriously happy with a relationship or just plain indifferent — it doesn't matter. This is a fun flick.

Former "Saturday Night Live" comedian Adam Sandler (*Happy Gilmore*) has just made his best movie. Sandler is quite adept at using the 80s backdrop to create

instant jokes with each phrase, piece of music and article of flashy clothing. And the audience can laugh even though the comments about the last decade are a bit painful — when you realize how long ago the 80s really were.

Sandler plays Robbie, a guy who always aspired to be in a successful rock band. But Robbie settles for being a wedding singer until he can make it big. Working a wedding and looking forward to getting married the following week, he bumps into Julia (Drew Barrymore, *Scream*), who is on her first day as a waitress.

Julia, excited about working at her friend's wedding, gets to the reception in enough time to see Robbie completely embarrassed. His fiancée never shows.

To occupy Robbie and get a little help for her own upcoming wedding, Julia enlists him as a wedding coordinator. While spending so much time together, the inevitable happens.

Great for a light night out, *The Wedding Singer's*



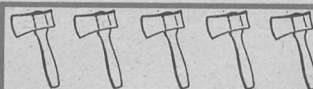
Adam Sandler can make anyone happy this Valentine's Day in *The Wedding Singer*.

plot is simple and a little juvenile. But that's what it's meant to be, so it doesn't matter. It moves along pretty fast with quick one-liners and 80s history to further keep the audience's interest. The only problem with the script is that many jokes have almost no set up and catch the watcher by surprise.

The Wedding Singer does not try

to stimulate its audience with intricate dialogue and intellectual allusions. Instead it amuses with great

Hatchet Rating:



reflections on what everyone was only 10 years ago.

The Wedding Singer opens Friday.



Drew Barrymore stars as Julia, a woman on the way to marrying the wrong guy.

Singles don't have to spend Valentine's Day alone and sad

ALISON GAZAN

ASST. ARTS EDITOR

It's February and love is in the air. The love bug is buzzing around campus, but it hasn't bitten everyone.

For singles on Valentine's Day who wish Cupid would shoot arrows through their hearts — snap out of it. Valentine's Day is the day of love, not the day of wallowing in self-pity for those who are single.

Believe it or not, girls, single men are out there. And guys, there are single women. Now a little simple addition would lead one to see the endless possibilities with this one statement.

One way to combine friends and romantic possibilities is to throw a party for singles only. Invite everyone's crushes and play matchmaker. Valentine's Day was intended to be cheesy, so go along with the idea. Buy conversation hearts and other Valentine's Day goodies. Make the house look like a Hallmark store. Granted, it may not be the ideal night of romance, but with a lot of singles cramming the room, the possibilities are endless.

Of course, one may be looking for a more mellow evening. A night out to a quiet coffee shop with friends is a great idea. Here, friends can talk of failed romances and new crushes over a cafe au lait. Keep on the lookout for singles of the opposite sex lurking in the corners.

Coffee shops also are great places to take a crush. Of course,

that requires a little courage. Look at it this way, Valentine's Day happens once a year. Take the chance — and it may turn into an amazing Valentine's Day.

Of course, if one prefers to wallow in self-pity, go ahead. Tower has a great selection of sappy old romances. *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *An Affair to Remember*, *Love Story* and *Say Anything* are the ultimate tear-jerkers. If a woman and bitter, *First Wives Club*, *Waiting to Exhale* or *Boys on the Side* may be the best choices. Men, the choices are a bit less varied.

Whatever the plan, Valentine's Day can be full of romance or full of despair. It is whatever one makes of it. Just remember, it only comes once a year.



Black Cat adds a twist to Feb. 14

HEATHER HARE

ARTS EDITOR

For an atypical Valentine's Day, why not check out the Black Cat's Sweetheart Ball? Attendees can drink, swing dance and enjoy great music with or without a significant other.

Peaches O'Dell and her orchestra will throw quite a party at 1831 14th St. N.W. this Saturday. Vintage dress is optional — as is a date. And the best part is the diversity of the event. Professional swing dancers will attend. Amateurs will cut a rug, too. People 18 and older, and of all sexual orientations, are expected to attend.

Mark Richman of GW's Ballroom Dance

Society says swing dancing is simple to learn. "It's really hard to learn by watching, but very easy to learn by doing. It's actually very easy to do."

Richman recommends attending the event with someone who knows how to swing dance because a partner can guide a new dancer. But he added, "A lot of people can learn by going to social dances (and watching)."

So all it takes is a little guts and a lot of energy to get out on the dance floor and look good. Paste a smile on, and it's instantaneous fun.

GW Ballroom Dance Society officer Sarah Ganiere said people come from all over to attend. Though the Society's officers will be at an out-of-town competition, she said she expects other GW ballroom dancers and students from Catholic

University to partake in the festivities.

Ganiere said she attended a similar event for Halloween at the Black Cat, and that the people were helpful and friendly. "If you don't know how to do something, just ask someone. Pick someone who doesn't look too scary," she said.

The venue promises a conga line for world peace, hoopla and hi jinx — and special recognition for anyone who has been dumped recently. Prizes will be awarded for all kinds of things.

And for those who don't dance, it will be a comfort to know that not all of the 300 to 400 people expected to come will be dancing. Many come to watch and search for a new love. The Black Cat's Dale Shaw said the crowd usually is split evenly between couples and singles.

Admission is \$8, and the doors open at 9:30 p.m.

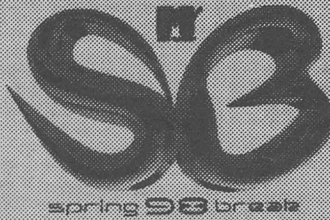


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Bilingual movie thrills audience

GREG LANTIER

WEEKEND WRITER

Outstanding as a terrorism film that relies on plot and character development, not gunplay, *Four Days in September* (Miramax) is a passionate and engaging bilingual thriller aimed at a multi-cultural audience.

The film is the adaptation of Fernando Gabiera's book of the same title. It chronicles the terrorists' perspective of the 1969 kidnapping of Ambassador Charles Burke Elbrick (Alan Arkin, *Glengarry Glen Ross*) by a mildly bumbling group of young Brazilian idealists.

The insurrectionists call themselves the MR-8 and are labeled "bourgeois" terrorists by the revolutionary establishment. They conspire to kidnap the American ambassador to Brazil in order to attract international attention to an unjust Brazilian dictatorship.

The leader of a group of the kidnappers is a well-established and angry zealot, Jonas (Pedro Cardoso), and his cohort Mr. Toledo (Luiz Fernando Guimarães), who hail from the older National Liberation Group.

While the group is holed up with Ambassador Elbrick, the Brazilian government weighs its options. The inexperienced MR-8 insurgents' relationships, worries and determination are investigated — as the "rules" of terrorism break down in practice.

The film's center is Paulo (Fernanda Torres), a gentle University student and a gifted writer whose personal goal in the rebellion is opening the press he sees as horribly censored. Paulo is the link between the oppressive government and the extremists from the National Liberation Group.

A young group of Latino actors that few American filmgoers will recognize provide outstanding performances. Heavy use of subtitles somewhat detracts from the effect of the big screen, and is distracting for viewers not accustomed to it. Nonetheless, the acting and excellent camera work allow the film to captivate its audience.

The complexity of the sequence of events leading up to and during the kidnapping leads to the introduction of several minor characters and tangential sub-plots that do not amount to much. These characters are underdeveloped, making it difficult for the audience to understand their feelings during the ordeal.

Overall, however, the film is nicely balanced and entertaining. Well-placed humor keeps the dialogue fresh, even with the subtitles, and solid writing and performances succeed in courting the moviegoer's sympathy for the insurgents. *Four Days in September* is now playing.

Hatchet Rating:



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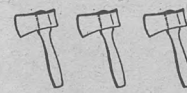
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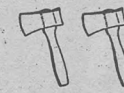
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TAURUS (April 22-May 21)
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GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
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CANCER (June 22-July 21)
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VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)
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LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)
You'd better be good to your girlfriend. How about a gift that's a bit more romantic than that theft-deterrent system you got her for Christmas? Even the trashy box of candy (see Gemini) would be better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)
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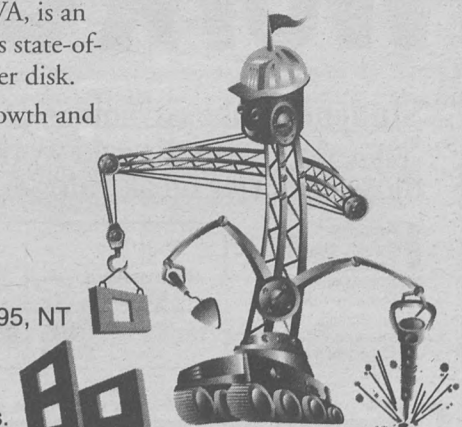
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Fri.-Mon. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15,
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Tues.-Thurs. 5:00, 8:00,
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Desperate Measures (R)
Fri.-Mon. 3:15

Great Expectations (R)
Fri.-Mon. 1:45, 5:15, 8:00,
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Tues.-Thurs. 5:15, 8:00,
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Wedding Singer (PG-13)
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Wedding Singer (PG-13)
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Sun.-Mon. 12:15, 2:30,
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Tues.-Thurs. 1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 9:50

Titanic (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 4:45, 9:00
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Spice World (PG)
Fri.-Mon. 12:00, 6:00

Great Expectations (R)
Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 5:45, 8:10,
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Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:30, 7:30,
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Replacement Killers (R)
Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 3:00,
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Amistad (R)
Fri.-Mon. 2:00, 9:55
Tues., Thurs. 7:10

Blues Brothers (PG-13)
Fri.-Mon. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15,
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Deep Rising (R)
Fri.-Sat. 7:50, 10:55
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Ma Vie En Rose
Fri.-Thurs 1:10, 3:20,
5:30, 7:40, 9:50

Good Will Hunting (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:00, 1:40,
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Fri.-Thurs 1:30, 4:15,
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Great Expectations (R)
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The Replacement Killers (R)
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Wag the Dog (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 12:50, 3:30,
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Blues Brothers (PG-13)
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Amistad (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:45, 5:00,
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Wings of the Dove (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 2:00, 4:30,
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L.A. Confidential (R)
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7:30, 9:45

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Great Expectations (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:40, 4:20,
7:20, 10:10

Wag the Dog (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:40, 4:25,
7:10, 10:00

Blues Brothers (PG-13)
Fri.-Wed. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:50
Thurs. 1:30, 4:15, 9:50

The Tango Lesson (PG)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:50, 7:20

The Full Monty (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 4:35, 9:30

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Uptown
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Sphere (PG-13)
Fri.-Thurs 1:00, 4:00,
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Eve's Bayou (R)
Fri., Tues.-Thurs. 4:50,
7:20, 9:50
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Mrs. Brown (PG)
Fri., Tues.-Thurs. 4:10,
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Seven Years in Tibet (PG-13)
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Spacehog
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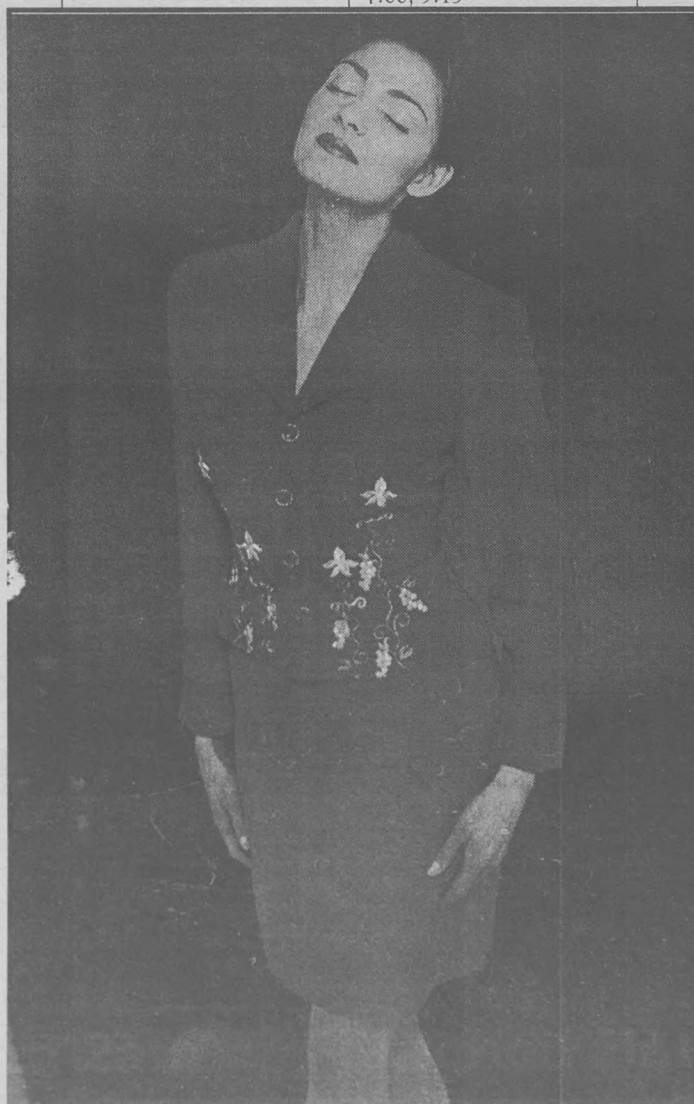
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Cold-shooting GW suffers first home loss, falls to URI

by Dave Mann
Sports Editor

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One after another, the GW men's basketball team's shots kept bouncing off the rim in Tuesday's 69-61 loss to Rhode Island. The Colonials made only 26 percent of their shots in the second half, as Rhode Island ended GW's seven-game winning streak in front of 5,016 vocal fans at the Smith Center. It was GW's first loss at home this season.

The Rams (18-5, 9-2 Atlantic 10) outscored the Colonials 26-10 during a span of 11:55 at the start of the second half to win their fifth straight game.

Sophomore Luther Clay had 19 points and seven rebounds for Rhode Island, and Cuttino Mobley had 25 points and eight rebounds.

The Colonials (20-4, 9-2 A-10) had a five-point lead at halftime, but the Rams intensified their defense and held GW scoreless for a five-minute stretch midway through the second half. The Colonials made 10 of 38 second-half shots and shot only 29 percent for the game.

"Our defense in the second half was outstanding," Rhode Island head coach Jim Harrick said. "We really came out and guarded them, and that allowed us to get out in transition."

On offense, Rhode Island began

making shots in the second half. With the score tied at 36-36 and 15:45 remaining, the Rams slowly began to pull away. Clay made two free throws and a hook shot to put Rhode Island ahead 40-36 with 14:25 remaining. Guard Preston Murphy's athletic layup gave Rhode Island a nine-point lead with 9:30 remaining.

One possession later, Preston lofted the ball perfectly above the rim for an alley-oop dunk by Clay. Mobley followed with a three-pointer, and the Rams led 54-40 with 8:14 remaining.

"They like to drive a lot and we were able to cut their penetration off and shut down Shawnta (Rogers). That's where a lot of their offense comes from," Clay said.

GW came back in the final five minutes of the game, cutting the Rhode Island lead to 60-54 with 2:07 left. Clay made a free throw to put the Rams up seven points, and guard Shawnta Rogers (six points) then missed a 17-foot jump shot.

But the Colonials played solid defense on Rhode Island's next possession and forced Tyson Wheeler to take an off-balance three-pointer as the shot clock expired. Wheeler's shot was no good, but Mobley was left alone under the basket. He got the rebound and made an uncontested layup to put the Rams up nine points and end GW's chances with 57 seconds remaining. On the GW bench, Coach Mike Jarvis took a deep sigh and shook his head.

"When we win, we win in the

paint and we didn't do that tonight," he said. "We had too many missed layups and free throws in the first half. We had too many missed opportunities in the first half."

GW made eight of its 13 first-half free throws, and both Antxon Iturbe and Alexander Koul missed uncontested layups in the first half. GW led at halftime, 31-26, despite shooting only 34 percent. However, Rhode Island was not making many more shots than the Colonials. The Rams shot 35 percent in the first half, and starting guards Wheeler and Mobley had a combined six points at halftime.

The Rams quickened the game's pace in the second half. Rhode Island shot 56 percent after halftime, getting more layups and dunks.

The 6-9 Clay controlled the middle, getting Koul in foul trouble. Koul fouled out with 5:23 left in the game after scoring 10 points. Clay, meanwhile, made seven of his eleven shots. Clay, a sophomore transfer from Purdue, sat out much of last season after suffering a severe ankle injury.

"It's like guarding a semi in neutral," Clay said of guarding Koul. "I was able to go right at him and get him in foul trouble."

"Luther's contribution was tremendous, he has come a long way," Harrick said of Clay, who is averaging 9.4 points per game this season.

Forward Yegor Mescheriakov led GW with 14 points but made only five of his 16 shots in his fourth game back from an ankle injury.

"He's trying to get back into shape," Jarvis said. "He was out three weeks and you get out of shape when you're out that long."

Freshman guard Mike King dressed for the game but did not play. It was the second-straight game King has missed since suffering a sprained ankle at La Salle Thursday.

"He's very athletic," Mobley said of King. "Him not being out there hurt their perimeter game and made it easier on us."

"It would have been nice to have Mike King, but that wasn't why we lost this game," Jarvis said.

Jarvis added that King will return Saturday, when the Colonials play at Dayton. "The next five games are going to be wars. That's why this conference is so good," he said.

GW's ranking of 17th in this week's Associated Press' Top 25 poll was the team's highest ranking in 42 years. The Colonials remain in first place in the A-10 West Division, leading second-place Dayton by a game and a half.

The Rams were playing their third game in four days, but Mobley said the team was not tired. He and Harrick both said the Rams were determined to beat a ranked team and earn more respect. "This was really a statement game for us," Harrick said.

-See men's box score, p.14.



Tyson Trish/editor in chief

The student section at the Rhode Island game Tuesday was one of the loudest the Smith Center has seen in years.

GW didn't lose to URI because of quiet fans

As a fan rooting for the GW men's basketball team Tuesday night in its loss to Rhode Island, I have one thing to say.

men's basketball

It wasn't our fault.

Not since the glory days of the Massachusetts-GW rivalry has the Smith Center been so raucous, so loud, and so filled with students.

My friends and I arrived at the Smith Center about half an hour before game time, like we usually do. "Half an hour before game time" usually means we get some decent seats - if not in the lower student section, at least in the middle of the upper section.

To our amazement, the only seats left on the student side of the court were in the upper level, beyond the end of Rhode Island's bench. Shortly after we sat down, the Smith Center event staffers were forced to put students in paid seats because of the influx of people still pouring into the arena from the G Street

entrance.

I had a feeling, though, that the massive crowd might be a tame, fair weather crowd. I thought they might have showed up just because GW had vaulted as high as 17th in one national poll.

The crowd quickly proved me wrong, though, as much of the student section stayed on its feet, cheering from the time GW stepped on the court until the team left after its initial warm-up.

Perhaps it was this raw enthusiasm that made the loss to the Rams that much more tormenting to the fans. When GW simply couldn't buy a bucket in the second half, the crowd agonized after each Colonial brick, near-miss and airball that clanked off, rolled on or sailed over the rim.

But I kept cheering along with about 5,000 other fans as we watched our team slowly get dismantled by the Rams in the second half. At least we know GW didn't lose because of us.

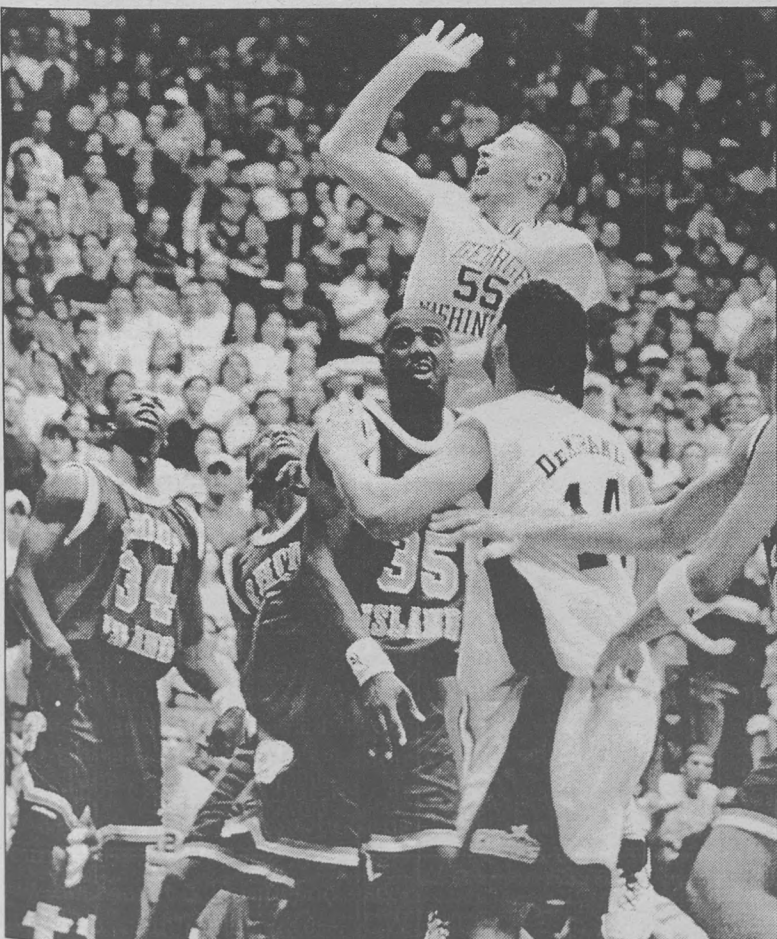
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George Washington women vs. Duquesne

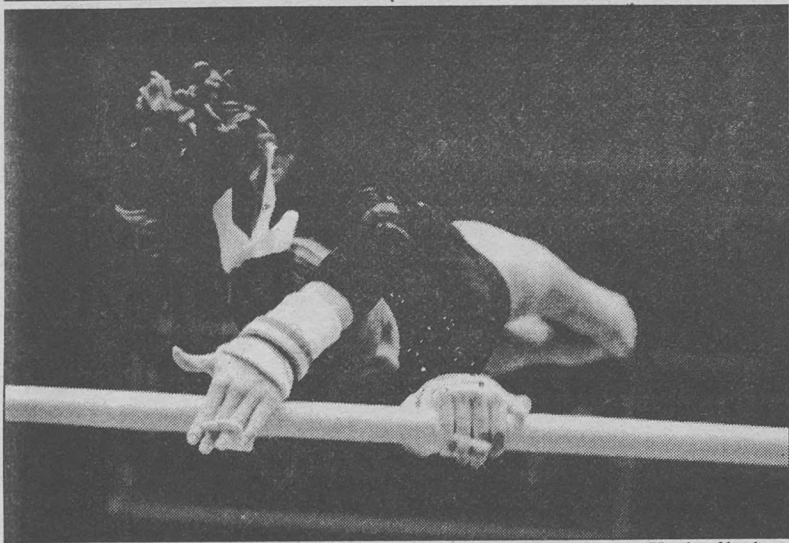
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After a game at La Salle Thursday, the Colonial women return home to play Duquesne in one of their biggest games of the season. With its win over Temple Monday, GW tied Duquesne for first place in the Atlantic 10 West Division. Sunday's game with Duquesne could be for sole possession of first place, depending on whether GW wins Thursday at La Salle. The Lady Dukes are led by Korie Hiede, who tops the A-10 in scoring at 27.1 points per game. Hiede also averages 6.1 assists per game. Kelly Eberhardt is Duquesne's second-leading scorer, averaging 12.8 points per game. GW defeated the Lady Dukes 82-74 in the teams' first meeting this season Jan. 12 in Pittsburgh.



Jay Crystal/asst. photo editor

Forward Yegor Mescheriakov rises above a crowd of Rhode Island defenders in Tuesday's 69-61 loss. Mescheriakov had 14 points.



The GW women's gymnastics team placed second at the New Hampshire Invitational Saturday.

GW places second in UNH Invitational, loses at UMass

by Dave Mann
Sports Editor

The GW women's gymnastics team finished second of four teams at the University of New Hampshire Invitational Saturday, then lost a close meet at Massachusetts two days later.

A team score of 48.775 on the bars propelled UMass to a 193.925-191.325 win over GW Monday. The Colonial women fell behind by two points on the bars with a team score of 46.775. Michelle Lopresti (9.7), Anita Sanyal (9.80) and Jobi Goldberg (9.75) led the

Minutewomen on the bars. Alexis Hrynko had GW's highest score in two events. Hrynko scored a 9.8 average on the vault and a 9.825 on the floor exercise to lead the Colonial women. Shari Doulman led GW with a 9.9 on the beam, the only event in which GW outscored UMass.

Saturday, GW finished second at the New Hampshire Invitational. The Colonial women's team score of 190.275 was second only to host New Hampshire's team score of 193.250. Illinois State University finished third and Bridgeport College placed fourth.

Dolman had GW's highest score on the beam with a 9.725 average,

which placed her fifth overall on the beam. Stephanie Goldsmith had GW's highest score on the floor exercise with a 9.725.

Hrynko and Darden Wilee each competed in every event for the Colonial women. Hrynko's 9.775 was GW's highest score on the vault and was good enough for second overall on the vault.

Wilee finished third in the all-around competition, which ranks those who competed in every event. Her combined score of 38.325 in four events trailed only Denise Gregorio of New Hampshire and Michelle Huston of Illinois State.

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Rhode Island 69, GW men 61

URI	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
King	22	1-4	5	4	2
Reynolds-Dean	33	3-9	7	3	10
Clay	33	7-11	7	2	19
Mobley	37	10-15	8	3	25
Wheeler	35	2-11	4	3	5
Jefferson	4	1-1	0	1	2
Arigbabu	6	1-2	0	4	2
Murphy	22	1-6	3	1	4
Bennett	8	0-0	0	3	0
TOTALS	200	26-59	40	24	69
GW	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Iturbe	24	4-8	8	0	8
Mescheriakov	26	5-16	7	2	14
Koul	22	4-10	5	5	10
Camara	17	0-3	0	2	0
Rogers	38	2-13	4	0	6
Eyal	10	1-1	4	1	6
Krivosos	25	0-3	2	2	5
de Miranda	11	1-4	6	2	2
Brade	11	1-3	2	5	4
Ngongba	16	2-6	8	4	6
TOTALS	200	20-67	52	23	61
URI	26	43	69		
GW	31	30	61		

URI-Percentages: FG .441, FT .500. Three-point goals: 3-12 (Mobley 2-3, Wheeler 1-7), 250. Blocked shots: 5 (Reynolds-Dean, Mobley 2). Assists: 13 (Wheeler 6). Turnovers: 7 (Wheeler 2). Steals: 6 (Wheeler 2).

GW-Percentages: FG .299, FT .692. Three-point goals: 3-17 (Mescheriakov 1-4, Rogers 1-6, Eyal 1-1), .176. Blocked shots: 1 (Koul). Assists: 10 (Krivosos 4). Turnovers: 11 (Mescheriakov 3). Steals: 3 (Eyal 2).

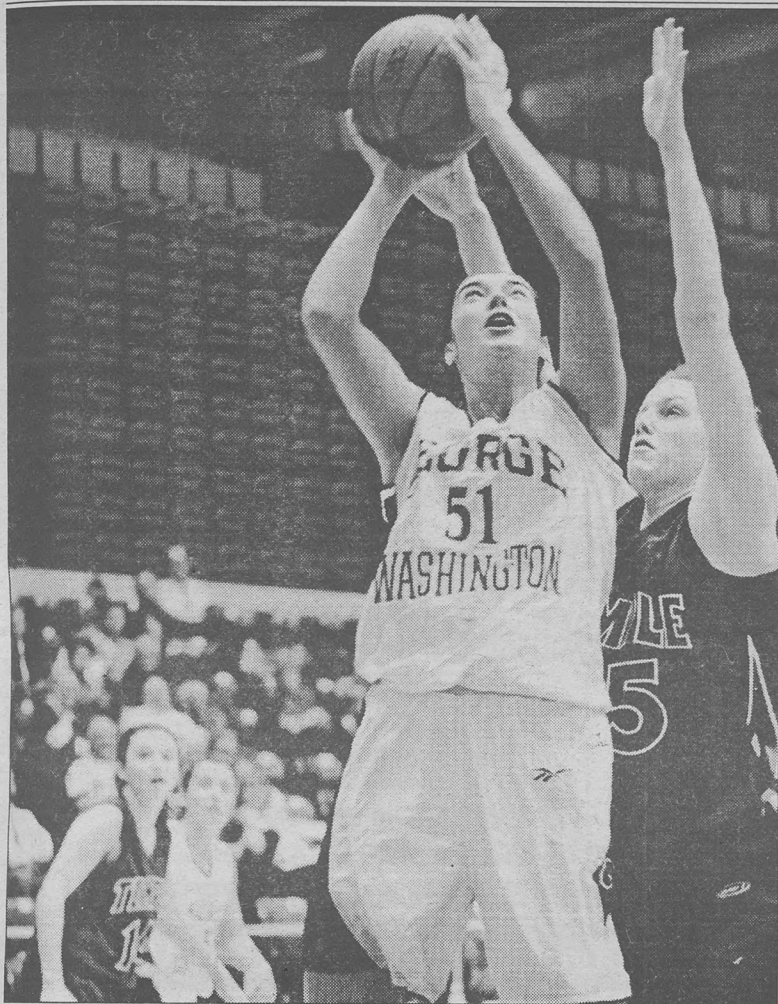
GW women 68, Temple 58

Temple	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Martin	24	4-6	4	0	9
Lucas	19	1-2	7	4	2
Ingram	26	4-7	5	3	11
Webster	30	3-12	3	4	8
Ricco	40	6-17	6	2	19
Jones	1	0-0	1	0	0
Turnage	12	0-1	5	1	1
Arthurs	16	1-3	4	3	2
Chaszar	24	3-7	4	4	6
Bartron	8	0-1	2	0	0
TOTALS	200	22-56	48	21	58
GW	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Turner	25	4-7	1	5	9
Gomez	36	11-19	6	2	29
Egleston	32	0-3	7	2	1
Myers	29	3-8	7	2	10
Aguilar	36	2-12	3	2	8
Baskova	5	0-0	1	1	2
Chiparus	7	0-1	2	2	0
Reid	15	3-6	1	2	7
Deas	15	1-1	2	1	2
TOTALS	200	24-57	33	19	68
Temple	21	37	58		
GW	41	27	68		

Temple-Percentages: FG .393, FT .565. Three-point goals: 1-11 (Ingram 1-2), .091. Blocked shots: 3 (Ricco 2). Assists: 8 (Webster 3). Turnovers: 24 (Ingram 4). Steals: 3 (Ingram 2).

GW-Percentages: FG .421, FT .679. Three-point goals: 1-6 (Gomez 1-1), .167. Blocked shots: 3 (Three with 1). Assists: 19 (Aguilar 8). Turnovers: 12 (Aguilar 4). Steals: 7 (Seven with 1).

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Junior Noelia Gomez poured in 29 points in the Colonial women's victory over Temple Monday night. Matt Bessler/Hatchet photographer

Colonial women defeat Temple

by Jamie Lin
Hatchet Sports Writer

With a victory over Temple Monday night the GW women's basketball team is back in familiar territory, tied with Duquesne for first place in the Atlantic 10 West Division.

After shooting 54 percent from the field in the first half, the Colonial women had to hold off a surging Owls (10-13, 3-10 A-10) team to win 68-58 at the Smith Center.

Heading into the locker room with a 20-point lead at 41-21, GW faced a 19-4 Temple run to start the second half.

"Temple played well, especially in the second half," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "It turned out to be a better game than I thought it would be. We got in foul trouble, and offensively I thought we stood around a lot. We stopped playing the way we were capable of playing."

GW (15-7, 9-3 A-10) was able to hold its lead, though. Freshman guard Corrin Reid provided a spark when she scored five straight points in the second half for the Colonial women. Reid finished with seven points, tying her season high.

"Fortunately we made some plays at the end, and Gomez made a couple big plays — that's why she's an All-American," McKeown said.

Gomez finished with a team-high 29 points on 11-19 shooting, one more than her 28-point performance against Fordham Friday.

She is on track to score her 1,000th career point this season. If she does, she will be the first Colonial woman to reach that milestone in her second season.

While Gomez carried the scoring load, several different players contributed in various ways. Guards Chasity Myers and Marlo Egleston each grabbed seven rebounds. Although point guard Elisa Aguilar struggled from three-point range, missing all five of her attempts, she had a team-high eight assists.

"Everybody contributed tonight," McKeown said. "In the first half we got to play a lot of people, but we're still not where I'd like us to be at this time of year."

One of the highlights of the game was the long-awaited return of center Khadija Deas and forward Katarina Baskova to the floor. Deas, who had been out of the rotation with a knee injury since Jan. 22, played 15 minutes. Baskova had been sidelined with a sprained ankle since Jan. 4.

"It was exciting just from the standpoint to be able to have people back, and even though they got limited time, just being able to practice will make us better," McKeown said.

The game also marked McKeown's 200th victory after nine years of coaching at GW.

"It's been a great run, nine years. You have to give a lot of credit to my coaching staff and all these great players we've had," McKeown said.

With just four games remaining in the season, each one is crucial for GW. Friday the Colonial women travel to La Salle — a team they beat 74-47 earlier in the season.

"La Salle is very competitive," McKeown said. "Their record's not that great, but you can't take anyone for granted."

GW returns to play its important final home game against Duquesne Sunday.

—See women's box score, p. 14

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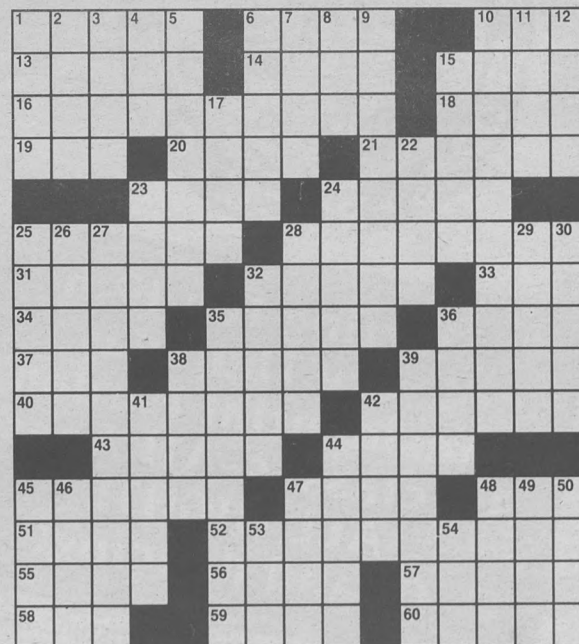
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ACROSS

- 1 Radio station supply
- 6 Dismay
- 10 Louis who was guillotined
- 13 Flu ward sound
- 14 "You said it!"
- 15 Regular Cosmo feature
- 16 Betraying, briefly
- 18 Lhasa (dog)
- 19 Colony member
- 20 Strove (for)
- 21 Told (on)
- 23 Advance
- 24 Antigun lobbyist Brady
- 25 Congress-woman Waters
- 28 Respectful
- 31 Commencement
- 32 Wizards
- 33 Prevent
- 34 Four on a four, e.g.
- 35 Tint
- 36 Coffee
- 37 Nationality suffix
- 38 Flapjack places, for short
- 39 Punished, perhaps
- 40 Like some pizzas
- 42 Punish, perhaps
- 43 Speak monotonously
- 44 Soothing instrument
- 45 Knee/ankle connector
- 47 Glow
- 48 "Look here!"

DOWN

- 1 Arp art
- 2 What a model might become
- 3 Barricade, with "in"
- 4 Inner ear
- 5 In the black, like a dry cleaner?
- 6 Sent, in a way
- 7 Within
- 8 Form of Buddhism
- 9 Currier or Ives
- 10 Start playing, briefly
- 11 Tight gripper
- 12 — Lacoste
- 15 Mideast nation
- 17 "— kleine Nachtmusik"
- 22 God shown with a burning torch
- 23 "Fairy tales"
- 24 Utah lilies
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 26 Liqueur flavor



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- 27 Two-wheeler, briefly
- 28 "Lord of the Flies" leader
- 29 Object of contemplation?
- 30 Business
- 32 Bullwinkle, for one
- 35 Waters off Hong Kong
- 36 Green shade
- 38 Pop star, say
- 39 Wine orders
- 41 Bluenose
- 42 Lighting specialist, informally?
- 44 Crescents
- 45 Betting game
- 46 Tolstoy hero
- 47 Prefix with culture
- 48 "Yikes!"
- 49 Son, usually
- 50 Farm team
- 53 "— a Joke, Son" (1947 flick)
- 54 Big inits. in credit reporting

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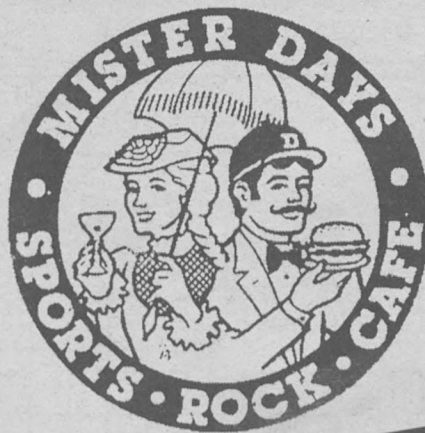
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Please send resume and cover letter to Donna Shannon at 1707 L Street, Suite 750, NW, Washington DC 20036.



Mister Days

Sport Rock Cafe

TONIGHT!

THURSDAY: BARTENDERS BALL

Kick off party hosted by WHFS

\$1 Rolling Rock Drafts 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Starting Feb 19th
Every Thursday
"Presidential Pardon"
All classes-All Ages-
ALL NIGHT!
DJ and dancing!

Must be over 21 years to consume alcohol

SUNDAY: THE SEASON PREMIER OF:

"The Presidential Pardon" Feb 15th (Holiday Weekend)
College I.D. (or White House Interns I.D. required)
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D.J. and Dancing

D.C.'s premier Sports Bar
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